

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 and 23 through 34 were presented for examination in the present application. This amendment cancels claims 4, 6, 8 through 11 and 13 through 20. Thus, claims 1 through 3, 5, 7, 12, 21 and 23 through 34 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment, which is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claim 21 and claims 23 through 34.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, namely the feature in claim 12 that provides that the casing is selectively removable from the housing. By the previous Amendment dated July 2, 2008, Applicant added Fig. 1A to illustrate that casing 45 is removable to allow easy access to the one or more ion emitters 25 for cleaning and/or replacement thereof. However, the Examiner has responded that it is not evident or clear how the drawing revisions overcome the drawing objection.

To clarify, Fig. 1 clearly illustrates a device with a casing 45 on the one or more ion emitters 25. In contrast, Fig. 1A illustrates a device that does not contain a casing 45 on the one or more ion emitters 25. The feature of a casing 45 and its label has been deleted from Fig. 1A to show that casing 45 can be selectively removed from housing 5. Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings fully satisfy the requirement of 37 CFR 1.83(a). Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

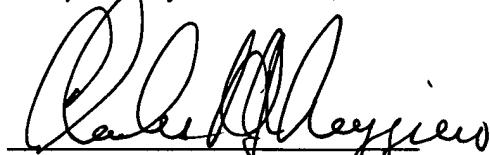
Claims 1 through 9 and 11 through 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,393,718 to Harris et al. Applicant has canceled claims 4, 6, 8 through 11 and 13 through 20, thus, the rejections are rendered moot.

Independent claim 1 has been rewritten to depend from allowed claim 21. Accordingly, it is now believed that claim 1, as well as claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 12 which depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 through 9 and 11 through 20.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims present in this application patentably distinguish over the cited prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims. Also, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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